Background:

USC’s vessel, Miss Christi, has historically been used for day trips between the Southern California Marine Institute (SCMI) and the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center (WMSC) near the town of Two Harbors, Catalina. This had been available to USC students, faculty, and staff.

As of 2015, due to limited space and a high demand on our boat and facility, we are no longer able to offer day trips. USC is currently only able to provide this service in support of current WIES research and education. All boat seats are limited to availability. As such, seating priority will be given to WIES students, faculty, and staff.

Boat Information:

Miss Christi leaves the dock promptly at the listed departure times. Please plan on arriving and loading gear at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled departure. Boat schedules are subject to change. For the updated boat schedule and our on-line boat reservation form, please visit http://dornsife.usc.edu/wrigley/transportationcalendar/.

SCMI is located at 820 S. Seaside Ave in San Pedro (directions on page 2). There is ongoing construction on the bridge, so leave plenty of travel time in case of confusion. Free on-street parking is available, but please refrain from parking inside SCMI’s gate; it is for assigned staff only. Space is limited, so please carpool.

Baggage Guidelines:

Passengers are allowed up to 2 personal pieces of luggage each, no larger than 23”x23”x37” and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Please do not tie anything to the outside of your bags. Any dive or snorkel gear should be packed separately, as it may be stored on the deck of the boat for the duration of the crossing. Please let the boat crew know if your luggage requires any special consideration (fragile handling, expensive equipment, etc.).

If you should require additional luggage, please mention this at the time of reservation. Requests will be considered on a space-available basis. For large items or cargo, especially if the use of a fork lift or crane need be involved, items need to be brought to SCMI by the Monday before travel, if not sooner. Additional costs may apply.

SCMI Deliveries:

SCMI staff can accept deliveries and assist with offloading M-F 09:00 – 14:00. Items will be stored outside, unless otherwise specified. As available, there may be space in the SCMI warehouse for short-term storage. Gear will be transported on the boat as possible on a limited basis. Please coordinate the arrival of your gear by emailing wiesboat@usc.edu. In some cases, it may be required to charter Miss Christi or another vessel to transport cargo.

RUNNING LATE? CAN’T MAKE THE BOAT? PLEASE CALL THE BOAT PHONE AT 213-700-4508

Additional Travel Information:

- Travel time is roughly 90 minutes
- Closed-toed shoes are mandatory
- Children (<12 years old) MUST wear a life jacket while on board
- Take any seasickness medication an hour before departure
- Inside the cabin, the life jacket may be removed for comfort. Please check with your reservationist if a life jacket will be available on board. If not, the parent is responsible for providing one.

Upon Arrival:

- All visitors to the Wrigley Marine Science Center will be charged a daily facility use fee of $5.
- Lunch is available for $8 per person. Please reserve in advance by calling 310-510-0811.
- Kayaks, snorkeling gear and wetsuits are available for $12 per person/day. Reservations must be made in advance and all gear is subject to availability. We may require a staff member to accompany you in the water (staff time is charged @ $50 per person per hour).
FROM THE HARBOR (110) FREEWAY
Take the 110 Harbor Freeway south towards San Pedro. Exit at Rt. 47, the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Cross the bridge and exit at Ferry Street (the first exit coming down off the bridge), and turn left (onto Ferry) at the signal. Turn right onto Terminal Way (second signal). After one signal and two stop signs, the road curves left and becomes South Seaside Avenue. After the curve, you’ll see water on the left, after which SCMI is the first building, a tan two-story with a reddish fence along the street. Public parking is on the street (east side only).

FROM THE LONG BEACH (710) FREEWAY
Take the 710 Long Beach Freeway south to Terminal Island (right two lanes when fwy splits). Then continue on to the Gerald Desmond Bridge (Ocean Blvd) by staying to the left. Cross the bridge, continuing on Ocean Blvd then exit at Ferry Street about 3 miles (just before the Vincent Thomas bridge, which you don’t want to cross). The offramp will turn left under the bridge onto Ferry Street. Continue on Ferry, and at the third signal turn right onto Terminal Way. After one signal and two stop signs, the road curves left and becomes South Seaside Avenue. After the curve, you’ll see water on the left, after which SCMI is the first building, a tan two-story with a reddish fence along the street. Public parking is on the street (east side only).

HINTS FOR FINDING US IF YOU GET LOST:
• Stay on Terminal Island - between the Vincent Thomas Bridge and the Gerald Desmond Bridge.
• The Terminal Island Correctional Institution and the Coast Guard are past us on South Seaside Ave. So follow any signs to these that you see. If you reach them, you have gone too far. If you are lost ask for directions to these two landmarks!

PARKING
Free public parking is on the street (east side only). Do Not park inside the chain link fenced area. This is for SCMI staff only. If you continue past SCMI, there is additional free parking in the lot on the right hand side of the road.

Terminal Island is constantly undergoing construction, with detours and missing street signs. Be sure to follow the driving directions on this page or from the SCMI website. We have had reports that some GPS directions are not accurate. Leave yourself plenty of time to find us!
Do not crush fences, gates can’t move